

Minutes
Traffic Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Voting Members Present: Chris Gluck, Lisa Mardis, William Blosser, Roy Nutter, Mike Fike

Non-Voting Members Present: Damien Davis, 1st Sargent Matt McCabe

Members Absent: David McKain, Martin Dombrowski, Paul Steel, Julia Durham, Frank Gmeindl, Margaret Stout

MATTER OF BUSINESS:

Roy Nutter called the Traffic Commission Meeting to Order 6:33pm and held roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nancy Ganz, 1276 Colonial Drive, spoke about traffic in the 7th Ward. After handing out something Nancy Ganz proceeded to discuss the various cut through streets that are used for traffic in the 7th Ward. Nancy Ganz also gave suggestions on how to alleviate some of that cut through traffic on the residential streets in 7th Ward.

John Malcolm, 1235 Hampton Avenue, voiced his concerns about the traffic on Hampton Avenue. John Malcolm stated that he has been hit several times while walking to his mailbox on Hampton Avenue. He also said that there are a lot of trucks traveling through this area and they should not be. John Malcolm requested something be done or the situation looked at for solutions.

MEETING MINUTES:

Lisa Mardis moved to approve the minutes from the April and May meetings. William Blosser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BICYCLE BOARD:

None.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY BOARD:

None.

TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT:

Traffic Calming Committee will be working on list for the budget process this fall.

MONTHLY UPDATES:

Walnut Street Street-Scape project will not commence this summer. Hopefully this will happen in summer 2015. It should be out to bid in February or March of 2015. City Paving Project has been completed for this summer. The City needs to get an update on the Mon Blvd Bicycle Lane from the DOH. The City will be installing the proper signage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for traffic study on Southview Avenue: The traffic study was started on 9/3/14 and will continue for the next two weeks. This study will determine what will happen to neighboring streets. For the first week the streets will all be open, the second week the city will temporarily close one end of Southview Avenue to through traffic. There will be a recommendation made at the next Traffic Commission meeting.
2. Request for “No Right on Red” and placement of Stop Bars at Richwood Avenue and Darst Street intersection: The City Engineering Department will be conducting a traffic study and evaluating site distances at this intersection.
3. Request for Traffic Study on Hampton Avenue and Darst Street: This study will be done along with the study at Richwood Avenue and Darst Street.
4. Request to remove or restrict parking near the intersection of Listravia Avenue and Linnehurst Street: The road is wide enough for two cars to drive on when there are no cars parked on the street. Damien Davis is to work on a Map for a public meeting that Lisa Mardis is to set up with the residents of that area. City to send out the invitations to the meeting.
5. Workshops: The next workshop will be on November 5, 2014. At this workshop the topic of discussion will be “What does City Council want out of the Traffic Commission” and an ordinance will be drafted. This will be the final Workshop.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Lisa Mardis asked if the “Truck Ban” that has recently been approved by City Council is actually going to work, and if we have the police force to enforce this ordinance. Damien Davis is supposed to work with the WVDOH to install the signs restricting truck traffic in the downtown area of Morgantown.

Mike Fike stated that the City Council is dealing with the same questions that Lisa Mardis brought up. Mike Fike said that he is an optimist and believes that the truck drivers will work with the City of Morgantown and use an alternate route. Mike Fike is pleased with the Traffic Commission Workshops and hopes that the Traffic Commission will influence other Commissions to reorganize their structure as well.

William Blosser is also pleased with the Workshops.

Chris Gluck is pleased about the Workshops.

Roy Nutter stated that people are not stopping at stop signs in his neighborhood. When he stopped at a stop sign the car behind him passed him instead of stopping.

ADJOURNMENT:

Lisa Mardis moved to adjourn meeting. Mike Fike seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm.